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From

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Bombay Presidency, Poona;

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Revenue Department, Bombay.

Sir,

I have the honour of submitting my report on the working of the Bombay Registration Department under Act XVI of 1908 for the three years from January 1914 to December 1916 together with the prescribed statements (Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 6880, 1st October 1902). The detailed statistics submitted deal only with the last year.

2. During the period under report the following officers were in charge of the office of the Inspector-General of Registration :—

(1) Mr. C. N. Seddon (15½ months) from 1st January 1914 to 24th April 1915.

(2) Mr. F. G. H. Anderson (18 months) from 25th April 1915 to 8th April 1916 and from 1st July to 31st December 1916.

(3) Mr. R. D. Bell (2 months) from 9th April to 16th June 1916.

(4) Mr. A. E. L. Brayne (½ month) from 17th to 30th June 1916.

3. The village registration system under the Deccan Agriculturists' Relief Act, XVII of 1879, which was in force in the four Deccan districts of Poona, Sátára, Sholápur and Ahmednagar was experimentally abolished (Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 9969, 3rd November 1910) with effect from 1st April 1911. Since the provisions of section 56 of that Act have thus become inoperative, and Chapter VIII-A of the Act only remains in force, the whole of the registration work under the chapter in these four districts is being done by ordinary Sub-Registrars working under the Registration Act, XVI of 1908. This is thus the second triennium since the abolition of the village registration system; and the average number of these registrations during the triennium was 48,113. It may be noted that a little more than half the work (53·4 per cent.) in the four Deccan districts arises from Chapter VIII-A of Act XVII of 1879. A Bill to repeal that Act is, however, before the Legislative Council.

4. The average number of registrations per year during the triennium is 282,500 and marks an advance of 3·8 per cent. over the average of 271,900 for the last triennium. It will be seen from the following figures that this average is the highest yet recorded but shows a much less advance on the last triennium than in any of the last 15 years :—

Triennium.	Average per year.
1902-04	169,000
1905-07	198,000
1908-10	221,500
1911-13	271,900
1914-16	282,500

The total number of registrations in 1916 shows an increase of 9,345 or 3·3 per cent. There has been a steady increase in registrations for some years past but in 1915 a check was felt, due to economic depression owing to war and a dull season for cotton and other industries. Hitherto 1912 was the record year with the highest number of registrations (285,554). But that record has been now surpassed by 1916. There were special causes which led to the high figures in 1912 (they have been reported in the notes for that year and need not be

repeated) but none in 1916. War in Europe which began in the latter half of 1914—the first year in the triennium under report—is still going on. It had its effect on registrations in 1915 but in 1916 it has not influenced the operations of this Department, except that we should clearly have reached higher figures still, if it had not been for this set back. The misgivings and commercial unrest that prevailed in the early stages of the war seem to have grown less intense. Ahmedabad, Broach and Kaira in the Gujarát Division, Kolába in the Konkan, the four Deccan districts of Poona, Ahmednagar, Sátára and Sholápur, and Kánara, show decreases in registrations while all other districts show increases. In those districts which show a decrease, it is attributed to (1) plague, (2) scanty rains and (3) the growing confidence in the Record of Rights as a substitute for registration.

5. Documents relating to immovable property with an increase of 4·1 per cent. constitute 97 per cent. of the total. The same ratio is to be found in the preceding two triennia. Out of these documents compulsory registrations give an increase of 4·6 per cent. but optional registrations a decrease of 6·8 per cent.

6. Documents relating to movable property give a decrease of 5·9 per cent. Wills give an increase of 2·5 per cent.

7. Among the various kinds of documents, the first in importance come sales. Sales of immovable property (both for Rs. 100 and above and for less than Rs. 100) have risen by 7,200 or 5·9 per cent. They constitute 44·8 per cent. of the documents registered during the triennium as against 44·3 in the preceding triennium. For the triennium ending 1904 the percentage was 40·9. In 1916 there were 8,458 more sales than in 1915. In the Konkan districts the increase is not so marked; but it is noticeable in Bombay, East and West Khándesh and Násik in the Deccan, Belgaum, Bijápur and Dhárwár in the Southern Marátha Country and in the Province of Sind. Gujarát districts show a decrease of nearly 1,100 and the four Deccan districts of Poona, Sátára, Sholápur and Ahmednagar show a decrease of 958 over the figures for 1915.

(*a*) Sales for Rs. 100 and above show an increase of 7·7 per cent. In 1916 they exceeded by 10,000 the figures for 1915: and the highest number of these transactions is again observed in East Khándesh which had shown a very great decrease in 1915. The District Registrar reports that the increase is due to business activity consequent upon the high cotton prices. In Bombay the increase is ascribed to the great rise in the value of properties due to the industrial and commercial activities of the city as well as to some speculation in buildings. These transactions have fallen in Gujarát by about 480 only. In Konkan and in the Deccan districts of Poona, Sátára, Sholápur and Ahmednagar as well as in the Karnátic districts the increase is ordinary. The East and West Khándesh and the Násik districts and the Province of Sind show a marked increase. In Karáchi also speculations in land are reported. The theory that the sáwkárs in order to protect themselves from the provisions of the Deccan Agriculturists' Relief Act prefer to buy land rather than lend on mortgage advanced in the last triennial report to account for the rise in sales is still maintained by many District Registrars. In their review on the last triennial report Government it seems do not completely accept this theory.

(*b*) Sales for less than Rs. 100 show an increase of 155 which is immaterial. But comparing the figures for 1916 with those for 1915 it is observed that there is a decrease of about 1,600 in this class of transactions and the four Deccan districts of Poona, Sátára, Sholápur and Ahmednagar are alone responsible for about 1,100 and the reasons ascribed are as before (1) plague and (2) the growing popularity of the Record of Rights.

8. Mortgages of immovable property show an increase of 5,130 or 6·3 per cent. These transactions constitute 30·2 per cent. of the total deeds registered as against 29·5 in the preceding triennium. Though they have dropped considerably both in number and value *in Bombay* if compared with 1914, yet in 1916 for a decrease of 67 in the number we have an increase of Rs. 3,04,000 in value over 1915 and the reason ascribed is that some of the lessees of the Improvement Trust building plots, running short of funds, were obliged to borrow money on the security of the buildings to be erected.

Gujarát districts show a small decrease while the Konkan and the Karnátic districts show a small increase. Sind shows an increase of 1,445. The four Deccan districts (under the Relief Act of 1879) of Poona, Sátára, Sholápur and Ahmednagar alone show a decrease of 4,350, which is significant in view of the theory that sales are substituted for mortgages under the influence of this Act: sales have not decreased in anything like so great a ratio.

9. Compulsorily registrable leases (other than perpetual leases) show a decrease of 2,000 or 5·7 per cent. This decrease is only apparent. For in the last triennium an experiment of compulsory registration of agricultural leases for a term not exceeding one year was made in 1911 and 1912 in certain tálukas of the Kolába and Thána districts (vide Government Resolutions, Revenue Department, Nos. 434, dated 17th January 1910, and 9783, dated 17th October 1911). Nearly 7,000 more such leases were consequently registered in these districts in the last triennium. If we deduct this figure we find an increase of 5,000. Excepting the Karnátic Division all others show an increase in these transactions. The Karnátic districts show a fall of about 2,500. Increase in leases is usually consequent on the increase in sales and mortgages with possession. Perpetual leases which are also compulsorily registrable have very slightly decreased and are more common in Ratnágiri, Sátára and Kánara.

10. Optionally registrable leases of immovable property show a small decrease of 5·6 per cent. requiring no explanation.

11. Instruments of gift relating to immovable property increased by 8·9 per cent. and those relating to immovable property by 26·9 per cent. Money Bonds have decreased by 24·5 per cent., the average for the triennium being 1,000 as against 1,325. Wills give an increase of 2·5 per cent. while sealed covers said to contain wills have increased by 13 per cent. People outside Bombay do not it seems appreciate the system of depositing their wills.

12. The average value of all transactions registered in Books Nos. I and IV comes to Rs. 676 as against Rs. 705 in the preceding triennium. This gives a decrease of about Rs. 30 per document. It is observed that though the value of immovable property has increased by Rs. 12,25,000, the value of movable property has fallen by Rs. 17,95,000, in the triennium. In 1911 a large number of trust deeds relating to movables were registered in Bombay, 16 of them being of the value of Rs. 63,25,276; so also in 1915 under the influence of the war the total value of registrations of immovable property in Bombay decreased by Rs. 2,65,33,257. This explains the fall in the average value of transactions.

13. Powers-of-attorney (both general and special) show a decrease of 1 per cent. only.

14. Refusals to register show a decrease of 7 per cent.

15. Tagái certificates (both under the Land Improvement Loans Act and Agriculturists' Loans Act) have declined by 42 per cent. The increase or decrease in these cases depends upon the condition of the agricultural season and the advances made by Government to agriculturists, few advances being indicative of prosperity and an easy rural money market.

16. While sale certificates under the Civil Procedure Code show an increase of 5 only; those granted by Revenue Officers show an increase of 18 per cent.

17. Applications for searches and copies average 20,187 against 18,725 in the last triennium, giving an increase of 7 per cent., and clearly show that the records of the Department are in good demand for investigation of title; though the number of documents so sought is very small compared to the aggregate number registered.

18. For insufficiency of stamp duty 385 documents were impounded in 1916. In 238 cases insufficient stamp duty was recovered, in 92 cases the deeds were certified to be properly stamped, and 55 cases awaited disposal at the end of the year.

19. Nine hundred and fifty-seven unclaimed documents of the value of Rs. 2,08,330 were destroyed in 1916.

20. The system of returning documents by registered post is working satisfactorily. In East Khándesh nearly 7,300 documents were returned by post: even there persons who might have availed themselves of this facility preferred to make 2 or 3 journeys to the Sub-Registry office and make complaints of the time he kept them waiting. Postal facilities in Sind are reported to be inadequate and consequently very few documents are returned by post in that province. I am trying to remove a few drawbacks which I have noticed recently and thus make the system more popular, by reducing the labour it imposes on the Sub-Registrars.

21. Six hundred and ninety Pársi marriages were registered in 1916. Five marriages were registered under Act III of 1872.

22. The number of documents of Co-operative Societies registered in 1916 was 3,053. The average number of these registrations during the triennium was 3,151 as against 2,208 in the last triennium.

23. There were 3 prosecutions under section 82 of the Registration Act in 1916; one in Broach and 2 in East Khándesh. The accused in the Broach case was convicted and fined Rs. 10 or in default to undergo simple imprisonment for 10 days. In the East Khándesh prosecutions in one case the accused were fined, while in the other, though convicted and sentenced by the Magistrate, they were acquitted on appeal.

The Sub-Registrar of Dharangaon was prosecuted and convicted for taking bribes. The Sessions Judge has confirmed the Magistrate's order in appeal and I am now informed that the revision application of the accused has been rejected in the High Court. I have submitted proposals for his dismissal. It is regretted that corruption is still believed to be common, in the form of exacting tips or extra fees for prompt disposals of documents: it is extremely difficult to suppress; the public submit to it and make no complaint except anonymously. The return of documents by post is one measure which aims at curtailing this corruption, since it removes one occasion for its indulgence.

The enlistment of Sub-Registrars of higher education and social status is also believed to be having some effect: the complaints are more frequently directed against the men of lower education and standing.

24. The financial results of the Department are satisfactory, receipts having arisen from Rs. 7,58,000 in 1915 to Rs. 8,45,000 in 1916. The income in 1916 is the highest yet recorded. Expenditure increased by Rs. 875 only in 1916 over that of 1915 as against an improvement of Rs. 87,000 in revenue. A closer watch was kept on the grant for temporary establishments which show a decrease of about Rs. 1,000. It is not desirable that the Department should continue to earn such large surpluses; we require more expenditure in Sind and for kárkúns; and perhaps our scale of fees is unduly high; now that the number of registrations is so much greater, the individual fee ought to be less.

25. The number of registration offices at the close of 1916 remains unchanged at 289.

26. The number of inspections of the Sub-Registry and Registry offices was satisfactory.

27. The important changes introduced during the first two years of the triennium have been reported on already. In 1916 no changes worth reporting were made. Experiments are still being made with regard to those referred to in the previous report; and the reform of the indexing system may now be taken as proved to be both feasible and beneficial.

28. Only a few of those (vide Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 9850, 18th October 1911) who were displaced by the abolition of the village registration establishment still remain to be re-employed.

29. The Inspector of Registration, 3rd Division, came across a deed in his inspections in 1916 which is rather unusual. It was an assignment for Rs. 200 by A to B of a service bond obtained by A on payment of Rs. 300 from C, by which C with his wife promised to serve A during their lives. The document ends with "if any of my *bháuband* fight with you on account of this transfer I am responsible for it." Service bonds for life are now almost obsolete. This is a rare instance of the practical survival of contractual slavery.

30. Before closing this report I note that Mr. J. C. D'Almeida, Sub-Registrar of Bombay, has retired from service with effect from 1st April 1917 after 36 years of zealous and approved service in the Department. He served for a little more than 9 years as Sub-Registrar of Bombay and Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and enjoyed the esteem and confidence of the large body of business men with whom he was in contact.

31. In his vacancy Mr. K. B. Pradhan was posted to Bombay. This officer has been Head Assistant in my office for 5 years; and his knowledge and experience, and ability in managing the routine of the office, will not easily be replaced. The whole office staff has worked well and carried out internal re-organizations efficiently.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

F. G. H. ANDERSON.

APPENDIX

Statement of Instruments Registered, and of the Value of Property transferred by Registered of Deeds and the Residency

Serial Number.	District.	Number of Registration Offices.	REGISTRATIONS AFFECTING COMPULSORY.					
			Instruments of gift (Section 17 (1), clause (a)).		Instruments of sale or exchange of the value of Rs. 100 and upwards.		Instruments of sale or exchange of value less than Rs. 100 (Sections 54 and 118 of the Transfer of Property Act).	
			Number.	Aggregate value.	Number.	Aggregate value.	Number.	Aggregate value.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
				Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
1	Bombay	1	40	5,59,103	1,266	3,24,15,255	7	227
	Gujarát.							
2	Ahmedabad	11	134	3,54,369	3,425	33,33,456	1,019	63,041
3	Broach	7	131	1,51,427	2,054	14,47,430	748	48,852
4	Kaira	12	153	98,290	4,202	22,54,299	1,836	1,03,760
5	Panch Mahals	4	64	98,687	836	4,93,468	254	14,243
6	Súrat	9	186	1,88,859	4,406	35,71,381	1,125	73,738
	Konkan.							
7	Kolába	9	84	40,400	3,361	16,51,951	1,479	81,383
8	Ratnagiri	14	135	54,766	2,356	12,54,821	1,204	61,457
9	Thána	15	90	1,01,998	3,583	28,42,119	1,559	86,842
	Deccan.							
10	Poona	18	251	1,56,499	6,975	36,03,306	3,170	1,94,679
11	Ahmednagar	15	193	1,02,328	5,586	20,96,812	2,004	1,33,705
12	Sátára	16	573	3,66,984	5,832	24,17,839	2,746	1,71,191
13	Sholápur	11	216	1,07,867	3,312	16,02,076	1,584	99,000
14	East Khándesh	16	195	1,97,797	11,505	72,49,984	1,036	85,647
15	West Khándesh	9	74	75,365	4,435	26,57,674	495	29,272
16	Násik	13	167	77,942	6,471	24,68,709	1,616	90,636
	Southern Marátha Country.							
17	Belgaum	12	489	3,19,373	4,035	23,07,699	1,244	63,988
18	Bijápur	10	395	2,11,815	5,753	21,44,381	1,280	61,607
19	Dhárwár	14	647	3,54,697	6,632	34,55,973	1,274	66,820
20	Kánara	10	108	69,930	1,545	8,12,259	735	53,813
21	Aden	2	7	22,500	85	2,54,326	1	13
22	Deesa Cantonment	1	1	100	12	3,924	22	1,338
23	Kolhápur Civil Station	1	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
	Sind.							
24	Karáchi	11	19	47,225	1,291	67,38,591	81	4,573
25	Hyderabad	7	34	59,332	1,535	27,08,050	164	9,974
26	Sukkur	9	56	67,047	2,284	34,44,461	681	35,577
27	Lárkhána	12	79	85,545	4,955	28,03,224	915	51,416
28	Upper Sind Frontier	5	4	8,880	609	8,57,207	47	2,862
29	Thar Párkar	5	5	14,716	448	4,38,802	39	2,534
30	Nawabshah	6	32	22,633	1,798	8,83,026	263	15,795
	Total ...	289	4,580	40,22,766	103,067	9,93,81,113	29,428	16,88,661
	Total for 1915 ...	289	4,247	49,64,738	92,936	7,39,14,803	31,011	18,00,773
	Total for 1914 ...	289	4,961	34,77,825	90,448	8,54,06,794	30,653	17,33,973

Instruments of Mortgage.								
Number.				Aggregate Value.				
With possession.		Without possession.		With possession.		Without possession.		Serial Number.
Rs. 100 and over.	Below Rs. 100.	Rs. 100 and over.	Below Rs. 100.	Rs. 100 and over.	Below Rs. 100.	Rs. 100 and over.	Below Rs. 100.	
10				11				
				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
36	...	664	...	1,73,039	.....	1,27,36,183	...	1
2,700	530	328	57	16,31,146	39,077	2,35,458	3,458	2
1,342	420	155	37	6,60,678	29,265	1,19,994	2,878	3
4,153	1,722	690	174	14,54,499	99,498	2,87,440	11,236	4
506	148	226	38	2,11,454	9,288	1,30,577	2,610	5
823	128	85	24	8,39,349	8,696	48,538	1,714	6
497	242	1,171	299	2,03,219	13,302	4,78,218	17,866	7
1,950	672	623	155	7,88,552	34,636	2,91,862	8,110	8
509	174	603	114	2,33,293	10,062	5,24,781	7,675	9
3,421	1,563	2,027	350	14,73,699	1,05,090	9,25,328	53,108	10
1,869	920	2,282	873	5,79,052	63,793	6,53,520	62,506	11
4,068	1,811	3,376	1,743	10,79,090	1,31,258	9,24,175	1,26,498	12
841	419	1,983	866	3,04,186	27,884	6,77,586	53,928	13
1,879	244	5,496	567	4,95,457	23,749	26,38,892	33,145	14
656	57	1,509	197	2,73,534	3,697	6,76,676	12,551	15
1,208	279	1,018	237	3,58,559	16,062	4,75,931	14,810	16
2,068	316	1,770	167	7,16,153	19,118	8,02,530	9,639	17
583	67	561	50	2,16,741	3,689	2,40,830	2,033	18
816	90	2,000	145	3,18,793	5,196	10,58,192	8,823	19
514	122	742	233	2,00,876	6,131	2,80,567	11,751	20
...	...	58	...	.....	.....	1,33,704	...	21
...	...	...	1	.....	.....	.....	50	22
...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...	23
79	5	328	11	73,826	330	10,38,352	682	24
91	12	953	45	57,277	943	7,69,763	2,966	25
631	206	2,321	422	3,71,678	11,170	12,26,513	25,795	26
622	154	2,600	709	2,74,318	7,917	13,46,962	41,488	27
135	11	206	25	1,01,125	495	1,29,216	1,553	28
72	4	53	1	61,633	170	87,629	80	29
265	59	633	168	90,376	8,717	2,45,900	9,261	30
31,329	10,415	34,752	8,194	1,82,90,554	6,75,678	2,90,97,417	5,32,317	
33,171	12,276	31,974	8,968	1,32,97,447	8,04,405	2,84,24,902	5,72,752	
31,874	11,209	32,799	8,738	1,51,24,818	7,67,706	4,49,95,278	5,51,092	

REGISTRATIONS AFFECTING

COMPULSORY—*contd.*

Serial Number.	Other Instruments registered under section 17 (1), clauses (b) and (c).		Instruments of perpetual lease [section 17 (1), clause (d)].			Instruments of lease (other than of perpetual lease).			Total of Regis
	Number.	Aggregate value.	Number.	Value of annual rents.	Amount of premia.	Number.	Value of annual rents.	Amount of premia.	Number.
	12	12a	13	14	14a	15	16	16a	17
		Rs.		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	
1	1,216	2,30,77,656	7	32,209	...	1,122	20,42,328	1,00,687	4,378
2	443	10,01,742	29	7,139	60	374	1,05,934	1,890	9,789
3	198	1,23,650	3	82	...	152	14,270	4,209	5,250
4	222	1,76,588	42	1	17,736	1,075	67,366	2,466	14,429
5	61	28,573	3	114	...	199	8,543	571	2,335
6	244	12,90,975	3	39	...	1,012	1,12,388	2,165	8,066
7	240	1,53,021	3	43	300	247	16,458	100	7,643
8	473	2,02,024	136	3,847	570	665	22,236	1,207	8,459
9	274	4,57,574	1	300	...	563	93,365	4,466	7,460
10	707	5,81,181	6	556	1,110	4,063	3,08,005	8,900	23,093
11	459	1,55,673	2	80	...	2,617	1,71,438	2,718	16,810
12	958	2,56,253	258	3,789	20,572	5,646	2,70,630	800	27,011
13	794	3,51,538	3	235	16	1,974	1,62,997	4,840	12,598
14	740	6,09,572	...	...	...	4,013	5,37,903	8,183	25,535
15	230	2,27,029	...	...	...	690	83,417	...	8,343
16	880	1,84,115	2	10	...	999	67,807	3,716	12,317
17	838	2,66,587	22	250	392	2,882	2,71,804	14,523	14,431
18	610	2,21,633	10	99	...	991	80,698	55,096	10,305
19	888	7,19,372	35	623	50	2,005	1,54,305	1,19,303	14,532
20	774	3,26,356	1,211	25,840	1,305	393	14,299	270	6,433
21	15	1,66,562	16	1,631	42,800	5	1,815	...	187
22	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
23	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
24	165	7,92,104	2	26	75	243	1,37,734	15,527	2,224
25	154	4,41,706	1	...	300	285	1,12,666	1,19,669	3,568
26	308	2,45,881	2	261	...	437	92,578	72,054	8,396
27	626	3,10,228	...	...	...	678	1,53,372	2,53,438	11,588
28	56	1,80,426	...	...	...	114	53,994	73,012	1,207
29	26	28,684	...	...	...	154	1,13,281	42,328	802
30	111	1,84,361	...	...	...	109	31,916	24,176	3,428
	12,339	3,30,61,644	1,897	76,709	95,386	34,137	63,94,689	9,49,374	270,728
	11,362	3,81,95,654	2,122	56,396	1,20,814	31,437	55,29,139	8,88,345	2,59,584
	11,657	3,24,17,214	2,169	62,517	70,994	33,481	61,67,100	4,91,185	2,63,389

IMMOVEABLE PROPERTY, BOOK I—*contd.*

Compulsory entries.	Optional.									Serial Number.
	Instruments of sale or exchange of value less than Rs. 100.		Instruments of mortgage.		Instruments of lease.			Other Instruments registered under section 18, clauses (c) and (d).		
Aggregate value.	Number.	Aggregate value.	Number.	Aggregate value.	Number.	Aggregate value of rents.	Amount of premia.	Number.	Aggregate value.	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	24a	25	26	
Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	
7,21,97,399	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	1
68,47,220	...	...	...	...	1,502	95,459	...	180	8,238	2
26,62,835	...	...	...	...	32	2,714	...	21	4,602	3
46,33,695	...	...	...	...	169	4,923	...	7	661	4
10,68,928	...	...	...	...	23	805	...	...	...	5
61,97,782	...	...	1	350	269	22,634	...	31	27,331	6
23,61,861	...	...	...	...	42	3,601	...	41	11,319	7
27,14,088	...	...	...	...	95	3,005	...	82	8,619	8
44,33,391	...	...	...	...	118	8,690	...	60	62,357	9
73,66,491	...	...	...	...	1,036	49,226	...	211	1,10,766	10
40,22,681	2	149	...	...	1,427	80,452	85	79	18,202	11
57,79,177	...	...	...	...	443	31,318	167	105	7,139	12
33,64,248	...	...	...	...	1,306	1,13,344	...	424	82,177	13
1,18,80,329	...	...	...	...	88	5,769	521	16	9,635	14
42,44,115	...	...	...	...	108	5,251	...	4	467	15
37,79,197	...	...	...	...	72	7,181	180	8	1,172	16
42,93,021	...	...	...	...	85	6,944	...	87	5,389	17
33,08,727	2	1,200	...	...	18	3,245	...	38	1,623	18
62,62,151	...	...	...	...	40	2,676	100	85	12,980	19
17,32,380	...	...	...	...	162	5,849	56	180	12,621	20
6,43,351	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	21
5,412	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	22
.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	23
28,46,995	...	...	...	...	2	60	100	10	202	24
42,75,626	...	...	...	...	8	800	1,100	34	6,305	25
56,38,121	1	50	...	...	19	1,552	195	12	150	26
52,27,196	...	...	...	...	39	4,910	4,688	21	1,869	27
14,68,239	2	800	...	...	...	.....	...	11	1,403	28
7,86,706	...	...	...	...	3	410	...	7	1,200	29
15,13,721	...	...	...	...	6	1,237	165	3	110	30
18,53,16,298	7	2,199	1	350	7,097	4,70,656	7,308	1,707	4,06,528	
16,85,19,784	2	1,635	1	280	8,007	6,48,598	2,625	1,800	5,96,544	
19,73,16,627	8	3,283	1	1,000	9,130	5,99,943	2,352	1,681	7,63,027	

Serial Number.	REGISTRATIONS AFFECTING IMMOVEABLE PROPERTY, BOOK I—*concld.*								
	OPTIONAL—*continued.*								Cox
	Awards [section 17 (3), clause (VI)].		Miscellaneous Registrations other than certified copies of decrees and orders of Court.		Certified copies of decrees and orders of Court.		Total of Optional Registrations relating to immoveable property.		Instru of move (section of the Pro
	Number.	Aggregate value.	Number.	Aggregate value.	Number.	Aggregate value.	Number.	Aggregate value.	Number.
	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	
1	...	...	165	3,39,705	13	63,260	168	4,03,365	8
2	...	...	10	39,159	2	230	1,644	1,43,086	5
3	...	...	18	7,494	3	2,988	74	17,698	2
4	1	...	14	4,046	1	1,500	182	11,130	3
5	...	...	1	108	2	2,901	26	3,874	2
6	...	...	3	9,226	8	2,291	312	71,832	7
7	...	...	8	19,497	1	62	92	34,479	...
8	...	...	3	560	...	.....	180	12,184	1
9	...	...	14	26,129	4	6,611	191	1,08,787	2
10	1	714	10	9,398	1	1,700	1,259	1,71,804	3
11	1	230	10	1,953	8	8,236	1,527	1,03,907	2
12	...	...	7	1,350	...	.....	555	39,974	1
13	...	...	7	19,501	...	.....	1,737	2,20,922	5
14	...	...	1	.....	2	5,990	107	24,915	3
15	...	...	6	.....	1	7,000	119	12,718	2
16	...	...	61	19,202	2	5,607	143	33,242	4
17	...	...	...	.....	5	7,845	177	20,178	6
18	1	7,114	...	.....	...	.....	59	13,183	1
19	...	...	3	5,400	...	.....	128	21,156	2
20	...	...	...	.....	2	4,400	344	22,928	6
21	...	...	14	12,529	...	... ..	14	32,520	1
22	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...
23	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...
24	1	400	1	8	...	.....	14	860	...
25	1	2,500	...	.....	2	1,060	45	11,765	...
26	3	4,652	7	1,08,865	5	13,093	47	1,28,593	3
27	3	2,945	1	.....	9	7,132	73	21,436	1
28	...	...	1	652	1	13,900	15	16,755	...
29	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	10	1,610	...
30	...	...	2	.....	1	900	12	2,412	...
	12	18,455	367	6,44,373	73	1,57,351	9,254	17,06,620	70
	22	1,26,438	515	1,79,433	88	3,41,803	11,035	17,97,356	74
	14	25,278	454	2,83,339	88	3,51,676	11,376	20,19,898	54

No. I.

Instruments, in the Bombay Presidency, including Sind, Settlement of Aden, Cantonment and Civil Station, Kolhápur, for the year 1916.

REGISTRATIONS AFFECTING MOVABLE PROPERTY, BOOK IV.											
POLOGY.	Instruments of sale, &c., of movable property [Section 18, clause (d)].		Obligations for the payment of money [Section 18, clause (f)].		All other documents registered under Section 18, clause (f).		Total of Registrations in Book IV.		Number of Wills registered, Book III.	Number of written authorities to adopt registered, other than those conferred by Wills, Book III.	Serial Number.
ments of gift able property 123, clause 2, Transfer of perty Act).	Number.	Aggregate value.	Number.	Aggregate value.	Number.	Aggregate value.	Number.	Aggregate value.			
Aggregate value.											
38	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.			
45,500	6	12,970	8	84,900	321	14,00,903	343	14,94,073	38	...	1
2,500	36	41,123	67	69,181	163	2,40,910	271	3,41,319	267	...	2
2,199	3	644	8	3,419	30	61,300	52	68,162	62	...	3
1,091	12	1,917	20	2,046	209	21,986	244	28,540	211	...	4
187	8	5,311	4	1,820	9	21,669	23	28,937	18	...	5
10,200	14	22,246	10	3,378	52	1,09,682	83	1,43,006	103	...	6
...	1	400	8	1,803	32	8,174	41	10,377	21	...	7
200	6	1,076	5	1,900	92	14,283	104	17,439	61	...	8
600	19	11,375	12	3,208	78	36,669	111	51,852	28	...	9
2,300	26	11,074	172	27,846	239	76,529	493	1,17,749	84	...	10
275	18	10,992	187	35,230	102	41,709	393	88,206	50	...	11
94	1	50	37	11,526	361	21,460	400	32,730	99	...	12
3,900	18	9,343	123	18,079	253	80,516	399	1,12,738	82	...	13
1,425	14	5,295	1	500	211	27,649	229	34,869	77	...	14
800	5	3,100	1	...	55	1,530	63	4,930	23	...	15
1,392	11	3,205	1	150	101	36,050	117	40,807	37	...	16
828	3	1,460	19	10,972	410	40,760	438	53,360	139	...	17
199	4	1,455	2	2,200	265	72,283	272	76,137	76	...	18
1,265	8	10,400	8	8,425	454	26,486	472	46,526	164	1	19
888	25	8,546	43	14,508	37	31,249	169	55,141	39	...	20
500	...	...	1	500	8	8,220	10	9,220	...	...	21
...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	2	...	22
...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	23
...	17	20,997	13	15,672	57	99,230	87	1,35,529	16	...	24
...	...	...	21	29,085	39	1,03,351	60	1,32,436	33	...	25
3,300	23	11,129	23	24,257	122	67,191	171	1,08,907	90	...	26
200	20	4,038	34	51,691	174	85,521	229	1,31,510	39	...	27
...	1	400	7	3,141	36	25,814	44	32,355	4	...	28
...	1	500	13	19,037	38	51,751	52	72,188	4	...	29
...	5	3,547	4	6,097	73	86,420	82	96,064	9	...	30
83,493	368	2,02,998	857	3,74,101	4,220	28,98,815	5,455	35,69,407	1,854	1	
96,293	373	2,35,599	1,008	4,64,285	4,108	52,60,616	5,558	60,56,793	1,708	2	
1,51,080	330	3,63,315	1,188	5,18,121	4,130	44,55,051	5,552	54,62,627	1,569	1	

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APPENDIX

Statement of Income, namely, Fees realised on Registrations, and all other Receipts, in the Residency and Civil

Serial Number.	District.	FEES ON REGISTRATIONS AFFECTING COMPULSORY.							
		Instruments of Gift (Section 17(1), Clause (a)).	Instruments of Sale or exchange of the value of Rs. 100 and upwards.	Instruments of Sale or exchange of value less than Rs. 100 (Sections 54 and 118 of the Transfer of Property Act).	Instruments of Mortgage.	Other Instruments registered under Section 17(1) Clauses (b) and (c).	Instruments of Perpetual Lease Section 17(1), Clause (d)).	Instruments of Lease (other than of Perpetual Lease).	Total Fees on Compulsory Registrations.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Bombay	909	44,257	41	21,523	26,055	103	10,674	1,03,562
	Gujarát.								
2	Ahmedabad	996	13,876	1,080	11,572	2,495	144	1,690	31,853
3	Broach	619	7,395	721	5,281	847	8	223	15,097
4	Kaira	521	13,323	1,781	14,281	1,091	174	1,248	32,359
5	Panch Mahals	316	2,732	248	2,309	377	8	200	6,180
6	Surat	800	17,199	1,135	3,758	1,743	6	1,416	26,052
	Konkan.								
7	Kolába	237	9,861	1,202	5,141	693	8	292	17,524
8	Ratnágiri	380	7,294	1,145	7,607	1,271	237	629	18,764
9	Thána	414	12,457	1,856	3,982	1,135	3	1,069	20,525
	Deccan.								
10	Poona	824	18,616	2,610	14,291	2,093	15	2,536	40,955
11	Ahmednagar	593	13,880	1,865	10,048	1,162	4	1,417	28,964
12	Sátára	1,937	14,690	2,226	17,066	1,985	475	2,675	41,154
13	Sholápur	698	9,580	1,688	6,026	1,705	5	1,514	21,885
14	East Khándesh	860	37,334	1,496	19,027	2,173	...	5,862	67,251
15	West Khándesh	324	14,154	422	5,959	829	...	926	23,614
16	Násik	486	16,272	1,441	5,886	1,003	2	1,073	26,163
	Southern Marátha Country.								
17	Belgaum	1,570	12,730	980	9,451	1,343	31	3,425	30,030
18	Bijápur	1,057	12,676	863	2,639	1,435	13	1,220	19,903
19	Dhárwár	1,799	13,234	960	6,547	2,293	59	2,667	32,600
20	Kánara	396	4,764	617	3,602	2,188	2,137	324	14,028
21	Aden	65	725	1	887	264	116	21	1,509
22	Deesa Cantonment	1	25	16	1	...	...	...	43
23	Kolhápur Civil Station ...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Sind.								
24	Karáchi	120	12,069	99	2,820	1,501	3	881	17,493
25	Hyderabad	204	9,511	183	4,257	1,053	3	1,094	16,305
26	Sukkur	256	14,641	653	10,351	1,463	4	1,236	28,354
27	Lárkhána	330	15,872	393	10,552	1,414	...	2,213	31,342
28	Upper Sind Frontier ...	18	2,958	51	1,354	407	...	574	5,360
29	Thar Párkar	48	1,321	41	622	146	...	774	2,952
30	Nawabshah	115	5,674	281	2,823	507	...	404	9,864
	Total ...	16,795	3,54,710	26,265	2,11,182	60,359	3,498	48,371	7,31,683
	Total for 1915 ...	15,987	3,01,971	27,327	2,02,692	53,573	3,916	42,001	6,47,467
	Total for 1914 ...	14,731	3,18,015	26,732	2,11,630	62,057	3,793	43,560	6,80,518

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Instruments of Sale or exchange of value less than Rs. 100.	Instruments of Mortgage.	Instruments of Lease.	Other Instruments registered under Section 18, Clauses (a) and (b).	Awards (Section 17 (2), Clause (vi)).	Miscellaneous Registrations other than certified copies of decrees and orders of Court.	Certified Copies of decrees and orders of Court.	Total Fees on Optional Registrations.	Serial Number.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	1
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
...	...	...	...	...	1,096	196	1,292	1
...	...	1,619	323	...	85	3	2,030	2
...	...	37	44	...	49	11	141	3
..	...	140	12	11	37	6	206	4
...	...	21	...	...	1	13	35	5
...	...	345	74	...	24	22	465	6
...	...	49	68	...	39	2	153	7
...	...	77	93	...	5	...	175	8
..	...	142	140	...	57	25	364	9
...	...	156	325	5	22	7	515	10
2	...	202	107	4	15	36	365	11
...	...	107	124	...	13	...	244	12
...	...	217	545	...	61	...	823	13
...	...	117	34	...	2	22	175	14
...	...	102	7	...	14	16	139	15
...	...	83	9		123	20	233	16
...	...	93	123	...	...	33	249	17
6	...	29	40	19	...	...	94	18
...	...	38	124	...	8	...	170	19
...	...	127	194	...	...	17	338	20
...	...	.....	...	...	110	...	110	21
...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	22
...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	23
...	...	2	28	3	1	...	34	24
...	...	17	95	10	...	8	130	25
1	...	26	23	23	31	33	145	26
...	...	78	46	16	3	32	175	27
8	...	.....	31	...	5	19	63	28
.	...	6	24	...	...	...	30	29
...	...	12	5	...	6	5	28	30
17	...	3,341	2,636	21	1,806	531	8,922	
6	3	4,121	3,424	246	1,041	783	9,626	
23	5	4,311	3,761	98	1,244	766	10,198	

Serial Number.	Total Fees on Registrations affecting Immoveable Property.	FEES ON REGISTRATIONS AFFECTING MOVEABLE PROPERTY, BOOK IV.					Fees on Registration of Wills in Book III.	Fees on Registration of Memorials to obtain Delivery of Documents deposited by Will, Book III.
		Compulsory.						
		Instruments of Gift of Moveable Property (Section 123, Clause 3, of the Transfer of Property Act).	Instruments of Sale, etc., of Moveable Property [Clause (d), Section 18].	Obligations for the payment of Money (Section 18, Clause (f)).	All other Documents registered under Section 18, Clause (f).	Total Fees on Registrations affecting Moveable Property.		
1	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	1,04,854	101	40	62	3,034	3,243	135	...
2	33,883	17	153	204	852	1,226	880	...
3	15,238	8	5	23	164	200	206	..
4	32,566	10	18	27	321	376	758	..
5	6,214	2	29	11	70	112	58	..
6	26,517	40	76	22	364	502	353	...
7	17,677	...	3	15	69	87	43	...
8	18,929	1	11	12	187	211	180	...
9	20,887	5	59	23	189	279	85	...
10	41,470	12	65	217	643	937	257	...
11	29,333	3	47	209	372	631	140	...
12	41,928	1	68	862	802	932	277	...
13	23,808	18	41	160	537	756	223	...
14	67,826	8	35	4	586	633	226	...
15	23,753	2	16	3	136	157	75	...
16	26,401	10	25	1	330	386	107	...
17	30,339	7	9	65	1,017	1,098	351	...
18	19,997	1	9	10	726	746	195	...
19	32,670	7	39	33	1,160	1,239	424	2
20	14,366	8	53	96	266	423	113	...
21	1,679	4	...	4	44	52	...	...
22	48	...	...	...	...	...	5	...
23	.....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
24	17,537	...	56	68	310	434	55	...
25	16,434	...	...	105	273	378	103	...
26	28,499	18	76	100	432	616	308	...
27	31,517	2	39	109	538	688	63	...
28	5,428	...	3	19	139	161	14	...
29	3,477	...	4	76	198	278	12	...
30	9,892	...	16	25	344	385	32	...
	7,40,605	235	928	1,880	14,173.	17,216	5,706	2
	6,57,093	316	1,006	2,070	15,751	19,143	5,487	5
	6,90,716	268	1,103	2,378	14,922	18,721	5,051	2

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Bombay Presidency, including Sind, Settlement of Aden, Cantonment of Deesa and Station, Kolhápur, for the year 1916.

Total of Fees on all Registrations.	RECEIPTS OTHER THAN FEES ON REGISTRATIONS.							Total income.	Serial Number.
	Fines under Sections 25 and 34.	Fees on Commissions issued [Sections 33 (3) and 36 (3).	Fees on visits paid [Sections 31, 33 (3) and 33 (2).	Fees for inspection of Books I and II, and the Indexes to Book I (Section 57).	Copying Fees credited to Government.	All other Receipts.	Total Receipts.		
27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1,08,232	4,101	60	2,085	7,189	4,469	1,771	19,705	1,27,937	1
35,999	51	.....	1,575	468	1,278	216	3,606	39,595	2
15,044	28	.....	740	221	530	84	1,603	17,247	3
33,539	16	20	485	276	994	208	2,064	35,763	4
6,335	35	.....	410	60	159	82	746	7,131	5
27,872	31	.....	1,350	538	832	306	3,057	30,429	6
17,337	90	.....	880	348	925	323	2,466	20,293	7
19,320	37	.....	1,090	267	943	299	2,631	21,902	8
21,351	319	5	670	1,076	952	287	3,309	24,550	9
42,864	12	.....	720	608	1,338	737	4,015	46,879	10
30,161	4	.....	840	311	2,289	892	4,333	47,440	11
42,807	49	10	960	633	1,050	416	2,909	45,288	12
22,789	.....	.....	560	483	1,195	596	4,070	72,758	13
66,388	21	.....	1,400	838	1,195	133	1,547	24,532	14
22,985	7	.....	495	412	450	833	2,321	25,215	15
26,894	43	6	440	397	823	643	2,231	29,225	16
31,778	56	.....	810	514	1,457	571	3,408	35,186	17
20,938	64	.....	575	243	906	388	1,933	22,681	18
34,825	28	.....	980	513	.....	389	2,016	36,961	19
14,902	102	.....	1,000	224	800	213	2,339	17,241	20
1,731	20	.....	240	.....	28	91	379	2,110	21
43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	22
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23
18,016	319	.....	585	328	227	237	1,696	19,712	24
16,916	202	10	1,075	154	339	276	2,056	18,972	25
29,423	302	30	1,530	191	508	251	2,819	32,242	26
21,273	299	45	1,085	170	382	293	2,233	24,506	27
5,598	33	20	130	32	37	130	433	6,031	28
3,707	66	.....	140	20	37	91	354	4,131	29
10,309	245	10	685	28	104	93	1,165	11,474	30
7,53,531	6,637	215	23,035	16,400	24,835	10,377	81,499	8,45,030	
5,81,728	6,523	275	21,020	15,943	22,783	9,546	76,198	7,57,926	
7,15,090	8,234	185	20,985	16,245	22,290	11,062	78,001	7,94,091	

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APPENDIX No. III.

Statement of Expenditure in the Bombay Presidency, including Sind, Settlement of Aden, Cantonment of Deesa and the Residency and the Civil Station, Kolhápur, for the year 1916.

Serial No.	District.	Fixed Salaries of Registering Officers.	Percentage paid to Registering Officers.	Cost of Establishments.			Other Items of Expenditure.	Total Expenditure.	Serial No.
				Permanent.	Temporary.	Total.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1	Office of the Inspector-General of Registration.	...	...	7,891	...	7,891	1,144	9,035	1
2	Inspector of Registration, 1st Division ...	2,085	...	534	...	534	1,539	4,148	2
3	Do. do. 2nd do. ...	2,200	...	520	...	520	1,384	4,104	3
4	Do. do. 3rd do. ...	1,800	...	504	...	504	1,311	3,615	4
5	Do. do. 4th do. ...	2,100	...	471	...	471	1,406	3,977	5
6	Do. do. 5th do. ...	2,116	...	489	...	489	1,610	4,215	6
7	Bombay	10,140	...	20,277	300	20,577	1,240	31,957	7
	Gujarát.								
8	Ahmedabad	2,163	...	4,283	595	4,878	1,505	15,546	8
9	Broach	3,713	...	1,948	262	2,210	474	6,397	9
10	Kaira	9,879	...	3,970	1,116	5,083	1,305	16,267	10
11	Panch Mahals	1,699	...	1,204	105	1,309	457	3,465	11
12	Surat	8,457	...	2,904	359	3,263	921	12,641	12
	Konkan.								
13	Kolába	5,237	...	2,633	265	2,900	1,043	9,180	13
14	Ratnágiri	9,111	...	2,124	293	2,417	1,403	12,931	14
15	Thána	6,522	...	3,078	393	3,471	1,523	14,516	15
	Deccan.								
16	Poona	15,304	...	8,443	475	8,918	2,828	27,050	16
17	Ahmednagar	10,447	...	5,265	247	5,502	2,069	18,018	17
18	Sátára	12,783	...	6,485	1,450	7,935	2,514	23,232	18
19	Sholápur	7,555	...	4,049	344	4,393	2,538	14,486	19
20	East Khándesh	12,488	...	5,284	1,456	6,740	2,688	21,913	20
21	West Khándesh	6,200	...	2,303	340	2,643	1,073	9,916	21
22	Násik	7,869	14	4,306	664	4,970	1,347	14,200	22
	Southern Marátha Country.								
23	Belgaum	9,532	...	3,331	516	3,847	1,900	15,279	23
24	Bijápur	6,282	...	2,140	212	2,352	1,059	9,693	24
25	Dhárwár	10,435	...	3,196	334	3,530	2,625	16,590	25
26	Kánara	6,608	...	2,763	171	2,934	1,285	10,827	26
27	Aden	960	...	174	...	174	...	1,134	27
28	Deesa Cantonment	...	...	120	...	120	2	122	28
29	Kolhápur Civil Station	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	29
	Sind.								
30	Karáchi	3,057	720	1,545	220	1,765	985	6,507	30
31	Hyderabad	4,052	...	1,347	384	1,731	992	6,785	31
32	Sukkur	3,922	...	2,860	41	2,901	1,053	7,876	32
33	Lárkhána	6,509	...	2,631	173	2,794	1,739	11,042	33
34	Upper Sind Frontier	1,815	...	131	119	250	480	2,545	34
35	Thar Párkar	1,532	28	600	...	600	669	2,829	35
36	Nawabshah	2,430	...	1,226	143	1,379	1,168	4,977	36
	Total ...	2,07,092	762	1,11,021	10,974	1,21,995	47,236	3,76,995	
	Total for 1915 ...	2,14,850	584	1,02,946	12,002	1,14,948	46,008	3,76,120	
	Total for 1914 ...	2,11,599	476	96,481	14,634	1,11,115	45,237	3,68,427	

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Statement of Principal Operations other than Registrations in Books I, III and IV in the and the Residency and Civil Station,

Serial No.	District.	Covers containing Wills deposited (Section 42).	Covers containing Wills withdrawn (Section 44).	Covers containing Wills opened (Section 45).	Wills removed to Courts under Section 259 of the Indian Succession Act, copy being kept in Book III under Section 46.	Powers of Attorney authenticated.	Registrations under Section 25.	Registrations under Section 34.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Bombay	124	44	38	35	448	35	89
	Gujarát.							
2	Ahmedabad	...	...	...	...	38	...	3
3	Broach	...	...	...	...	9	2	2
4	Kaira	...	...	...	...	13	1	4
5	Panch Mahâls	...	...	...	...	3	...	2
6	Surat	...	...	...	...	133	1	6
	Konkan.							
7	Kolába	...	...	...	...	17	1	5
8	Ratnágiri	1	...	...	..	28	4	6
9	Thâna	...	...	...	...	35	40	17
	Deccan.							
10	Poona	4	3	...	...	64	2	11
11	Ahmednagar	1	...	...	...	13	2	1
12	Sátára	...	...	...	...	51	2	8
13	Sholápur	1	1	...	...	9	...	...
14	East Khándesh	...	...	...	...	14	1	3
15	West Khándesh...	...	...	...	...	16	...	2
16	Násik	...	...	...	...	12	5	5
	Southern Maratha Country.							
17	Belgaum	2	...	...	...	17	4	6
18	Bijápur	1	...	...	...	12	2	5
19	Dhárwár	2	...	...	...	50	5	3
20	Kánara	...	...	...	...	43	5	12
21	Aden	1	...	...	...	...	2	6
22	Deesa Cantonment	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
23	Kolhapur Civil Station	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Sind.							
24	Karáchi	...	...	...	...	77	6	21
25	Hyderabad	1	1	...	...	74	4	19
26	Sukkur	...	...	...	...	46	7	48
27	Larkhána	...	...	...	...	19	14	53
28	Upper Sind Frontier	...	...	...	...	10	4	5
29	Thar Párkar	...	...	...	...	6	1	5
30	Nawabshah	...	...	...	...	10	9	27
	Total ...	138	49	38	35	1,266	159	374
	Total for 1915 ...	121	48	24	16	1,243	174	380
	Total for 1914 ...	131	66	33	26	1,360	191	409

No. IV.

Bombay Presidency, including Sind, Settlement of Aden, Cantonment of Deesa Kolhápur, for the year 1916.

Refusals to register (Sections 71 and 76).	Appeals against such refusals (Section 72), and applications under Section 73, regarding such refusals.		Registration ordered by Civil Court (Section 77).	Prosecutions. (Section 81).	No. of Orders and Certificates filed in Book No. 1 under Section 89 of the Registration Act.				Searches or applications for copies.	Serial No.
	Registration ordered.	Registration refused.			Under Land Improvement Loans Act.	Under Agriculturists' Loans Act.	Under the Code of Civil Procedure.	Granted by Revenue Officers.		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
44	7	...	1	...	...	...	8	14	2,617	1
5	1	1	...	...	3	3	56	23	286	2
4	3	...	...	1	...	...	29	35	421	3
9	3	1	...	...	4	...	43	43	885	4
5	4	1	...	...	28	...	8	4	153	5
3	...	...	...	...	...	6	28	21	660	6
4	1	...	...	...	...	11	60	59	594	7
12	5	...	...	...	5	...	102	148	718	8
9	2	...	...	...	20	60	34	41	817	9
17	2	...	...	...	3	2	78	125	1,768	10
1	1	...	...	...	5	...	89	776	821	11
6	2	...	...	1	10	...	68	179	1,997	12
2	1	2	...	...	8	33	44	45	1,107	13
13	3	3	...	2	20	163	149	366	1,216	14
12	2	...	...	...	2	37	25	36	530	15
6	1	...	...	...	7	46	153	120	666	16
26	9	1	...	...	1	...	23	97	1,538	17
13	1	1	1	...	7	...	7	14	587	18
14	1	...	...	...	1	...	37	1	1,003	19
10	...	1	...	...	2	16	66	101	520	20
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	...	6	21
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
6	2	...	...	...	163	498	18	3	245	24
36	6	...	...	...	189	794	28	...	243	25
32	15	2	1	...	87	186	41	60	389	26
60	18	3	...	...	470	741	29	21	226	27
45	7	...	...	...	291	252	11	7	51	28
18	7	3	...	...	138	203	1	2	22	29
42	11	1	...	...	219	913	7	2	78	30
419	115	20	5	3	1,683	4,054	1,257	2,083	20,695	
401	129	24	5	1	2,354	7,167	1,407	2,302	19,776	
457	180	31	5	3	3,253	11,548	1,389	2,860	20,009	

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Resolution No. 12528.

Bombay Castle, 18th October 1917.

Letter from the Inspector General of Registration, No. 206-General, dated 22nd June 1917—Submitting a report on the working of the Bombay Registration Department under Act XVI of 1908 for the three years from January 1914 to December 1916.

RESOLUTION.—During the triennium 1914—1916 no reforms or experimental measures of great importance were introduced into the organisation of the Registration Department, but the annual reports show that efficiency has been increased by the adoption of several minor improvements. In 1914 the registration of companies hitherto performed by the Sub-Registrar of Bombay, in addition to his ordinary duties under the Registration Act, was transferred to a new appointment of Registrar of Companies, as the increase in the bulk and importance of the work necessitated the attention of a full-time and specially qualified officer. The abolition of the Village Registration System under the Dekkhan Agriculturists' Relief Act in the four districts of Poona, Sátára, Sholápur and Ahmednagar continued during the triennium. This measure was introduced experimentally in 1911 and none of the objections urged against the experiment have yet been realised to an extent which would render it desirable to return to the village system in the original or in a modified form. Government await the Inspector General's report on the use of the Card Index System in the registration offices to which he has referred in paragraph 7 (1) of his notes on the working of the Act during 1915.

2. During the period under review no addition was made to the number of Registration offices in the Presidency which stood at 289 at the close of the preceding triennial period, but the total number of registrations which have shown a steady average increase reached a record figure in 1916. The disturbances in the money markets and the fall in the price of cotton which ensued upon the outbreak of the war, have left their mark upon the statistics of the Department in a set-back in the number of registrations in 1915, but on the restoration of confidence the number in 1916 not only recovered but surpassed the previous record of 1912.

The average annual number of registrations during the triennium was 282,500, an advance of 3·8 per cent. on the average of the previous period, a figure which would have been even greater but for the influence of the war.

Decreases are found in the total figures for the four Deccan districts, Poona, Sátára, Sholápur and Ahmednagar, and in five other districts of the Presidency proper. In the Deccan the decrease is most noticeable under the head of sales for less than Rs. 100 and under the head of mortgages of immoveable property. Amongst the reasons advanced for the decreases under the head of sales the principal are the influence of plague and, the growing popularity of the Record of Rights, while in the case of mortgages the argument is still urged that the savkar, deterred by the provisions of the Relief Act in the Deccan districts, finds greater security in the form of sale, real or fictitious. As the Inspector General remarks, some support is lent to this theory by the considerable fall in the number of mortgages in the districts affected by the Act, though the corresponding rise in the number of sales should have been more evident. In the presence of other determining influences it is perhaps difficult to pronounce definitely on the theory, though frequent instances of such caution on the part of savkars come to the knowledge of district officers.

In the opinion of several officers the Record of Rights affects the number of formal registration of certain classes of instruments—particularly those

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for small consideration—in rural districts. It is probable that, with the growth of a spirit of mutual confidence and reliance such as it is the aim of the co-operative movement to foster, and with the rapidly increasing accuracy of the Record of Rights, recourse will be had with greater frequency to this simple form of public entry of title to land in preference to the more costly and tedious process of registration under the Act; but, at present, the effect of the Record does not appear to be considerable.

3. The income from the operations of the Department reached the record figure of 8½ lakhs of rupees in 1916. Against this stands an expenditure of 3¾ lakhs. The Inspector General suggests that in view of this surplus a reduction might be made in the fees for registration. The existence of a considerable profit is not by itself a sufficient reason and it must be shown that the fees levied are out of proportion to the advantages gained from a secure registration of title. In particular cases, where it can be shown that the fees are restrictive, reduction should be proposed as was done in the case disposed of by Government Order No. 4747 dated 16th April 1917 dealing with the fees payable to the Sub-Registrar of Bombay under section 30 (*b*) of the Act. The better plan is to apply the surplus to the improvement of the organization and of the morale of the Department. The Governor in Council regrets to notice that the Inspector General holds that the receipt of illicit consideration by members of the staff of registration offices is unfortunately not uncommon. He recognises that without the hearty co-operation of the public, considerable difficulties lie in the way of a complete eradication of the evil. The reports for the two previous triennial periods show that some progress has resulted from the improvement of the pay and prospects of the staff of registration offices and from such measures, as the return of documents by registered post, but the aim should be to attract to the Department officers of higher education and social standing, a measure which, as the Inspector General says, is the most effective remedy to apply.

4. In conclusion the Governor in Council desires to acknowledge the efficient administration of the Department by Messrs. Seddon and Anderson who held charge in succession during the triennium.

A. F. L. BRAYNE,
Under Secretary to Government.

G. R. No. 1252-8, R. D., dated 18th October 1917.

To

The Inspector General of Registration,
The Sub-Registrar of Bombay,
The Commissioner, N. D.,
The Commissioner, C. D.,
The Commissioner S. D.,
The Commissioner in Sind,
All District Registrars including those in Sind,
The Registrar of Bombay,
The Political Resident, Aden,
The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records,
The Director of Agriculture,
The Accountant General,
The Oriental Translator to Government,
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